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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: 25X1B [REDACTED] Exploitation of Soviet and Chinese
Ammunition

I. PROBLEM 25X1B

To arrange appropriate logistic support for photographic exploitation of [REDACTED] Soviet and Chinese ammunition stored in the Delaware Ordnance Depot.

II. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

1. Soviet and Chinese ammunition stored at Delaware Ordnance Depot contains a substantial amount of [REDACTED] intelligence of value to ORN, OSI, and G-2. (TAB A) 25X1B

2. Photographic exploitation of this ammunition requires extensive support in handling, cleaning, regreasing, and repackaging.

3. The ammunition is live and must be handled by trained personnel under competent safety supervision.

4. Photographic exploitation can be accomplished by a joint 9-12 man CIA/Ordnance/G-2 team in three weeks. (TAB B)

5. Delaware Ordnance Depot can provide a 14-man crew with a supervisor, plus space and safety supervision. (TAB C)

6. Since the labor force at the Depot is paid only out of individual project funds, money for this purpose must be provided to the Depot. The cost for logistic support will be [REDACTED] for a three-week period. 25X1A

7. Neither G-2 nor Ordnance have available funds for this purpose. (TAB C)

III. DISCUSSION

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1. The present photographic sample [REDACTED] on this subject is scant and inconclusive in several respects. The stock held at Delaware can provide an adequate minimum of background data against future problems in this field.

25X1B 2. All of the Soviet and Chinese ammunition held by the U.S. is becoming increasingly hazardous to store or handle and is subject to destruction in the near future. There are no alternative sources [REDACTED]

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IV. CONCLUSIONS

25X1B 1. The proposed exploitation will increase substantially coverage for the subject ammunition.

2. Because of this fact the imminence of destruction of the ammunition, and the inability of G-2 and Ordnance to conduct the exploitation except under the proposed joint arrangement, it is believed that CIA participation is justified.

V. ACTION RECOMMENDED

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Approval of the expenditure of [REDACTED] to cover reimbursement to the Baritan Arsenal for logistic support of a three-week project on ammunition at Delaware Ordnance Depot. ORR has sufficient funds available within its current allocation to support this expenditure.

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